

LAWN SAFETY

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Remember the first time you cut your parent's lawn by yourself?

If you are over forty, you probably used a manual push type, which required the strength of Samson for overgrown yards.



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As time progressed, Mowing the yard became easier. We got bigger powered tools and a true Tim the Tool man experience! In fact if we weren't careful we got the whole emergency room experience.

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Now we realize that there is more to gardening and lawn mowing, than just cranking up the engine and riding off into the sunset.



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- **Nearly 75,000 Americans are seriously injured in lawn mower accidents each year.**
- **About 10,000 of those injuries involve children.**

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Gas Engines:

- Fill the tank before starting (Fill Outside) and don't refill it while the engine is hot.
- Never dangle gas cans from mower handles where a hot exhaust pipe could ignite escaping fumes and cause an explosion.

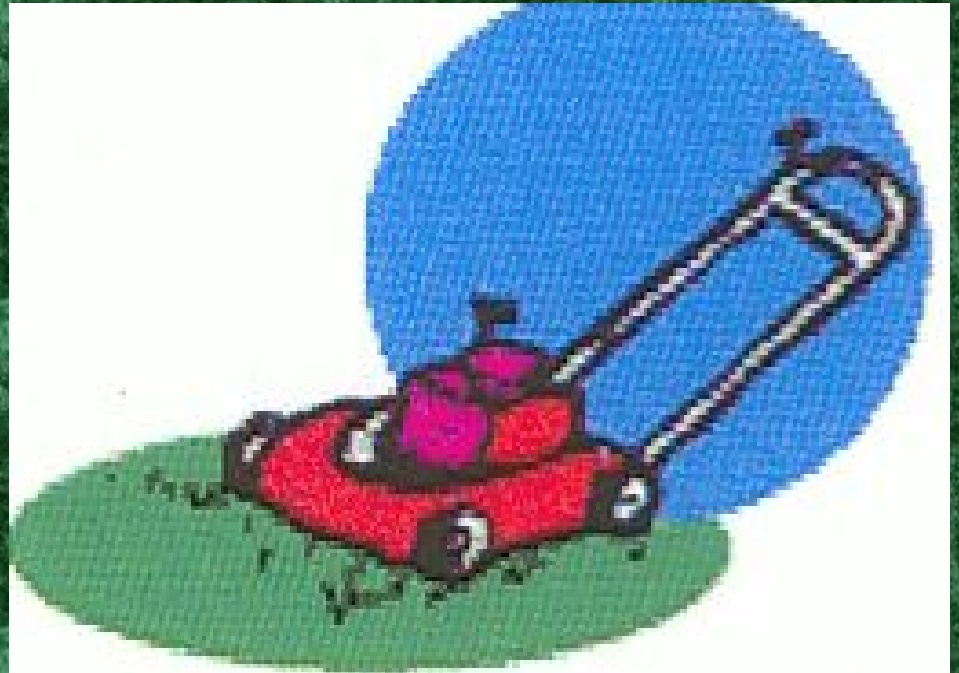


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- **Keep safety devices and guards in place.**

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- **Start the mower on level ground where you have firm footing.**



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- **Never pull the mower toward you,**



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If you slip or pull too hard your foot could go under the mower deck.



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- **Always push it.**



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- **With push mowers Mow parallel to a slope.**



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Never pull up or go down



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- Always turn off the mower and disconnect the spark plug wire before unclogging the machine or adjusting it.
- Gasoline engines can start even when they're turned off if the blade is rotated.



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- Only use a power mower with a control that stops the mower if the handle is let go.
- **This control should never
- be disconnected.



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- One injury that you may not associate with a lawn mower is a burn.

This can be a painful nuisance from touching a hot muffler or may be very serious from explosions caused by mishandled gasoline.

Muffler



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- **Never mow a wet lawn. Wet grass can help cause accidents two ways.**
- **First, it is slippery, and a fall could bring you in contact with the blade.**
- **Second, wet grass will clog the discharge chute and you might be tempted to clear it without turning an older mower off.**

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Keep hands away from the discharge chute and always wear sturdy shoes with non-slip soles.

This does not include sneakers, sandals or especially bare feet.



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Riding Mower

- Look behind mower when backing up.

Back up only
minimal
distances.



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- Do not allow children younger than 14 to use ride-on mowers.
- Do not allow children younger than 14 to use walk-behind mowers



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- Remove hazards, such as stones, branches or toys before starting to mow.
- Refresh your memory about the location of immovable obstacles such as pipes or rocks before you start.

(Bent shafts are costly on riders, (just throw a walk behind away)

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- The blade of a rotary lawn mower can travel up to 200 miles per hour.
- It was designed to cut thick grass, so fingers and toes won't slow the engine on a bit.



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Mowing on slopes is hazardous, especially on a riding mower. When mowing slopes, drive up and down the grade rather than across the face of the slope.

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Right



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Wrong



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When going uphill, drive as if riding a horse--lean forward so the mower doesn't "pop a wheelie." Also, empty the grass bags when only half full because the full weight of the bags may cause the mower to tip over.

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- A lawn mower is too dangerous to operate for anyone who is angry, tired, or distracted.
- Never operate a lawn mower when taking medicines or drinking alcohol.

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Electric Mowers:

Mower should only be plugged into a ground fault interrupter (GFCI) to insure the safety of the operator.



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- Check cords and plugs.
- Buy the best extension cords you can afford, and periodically check their condition



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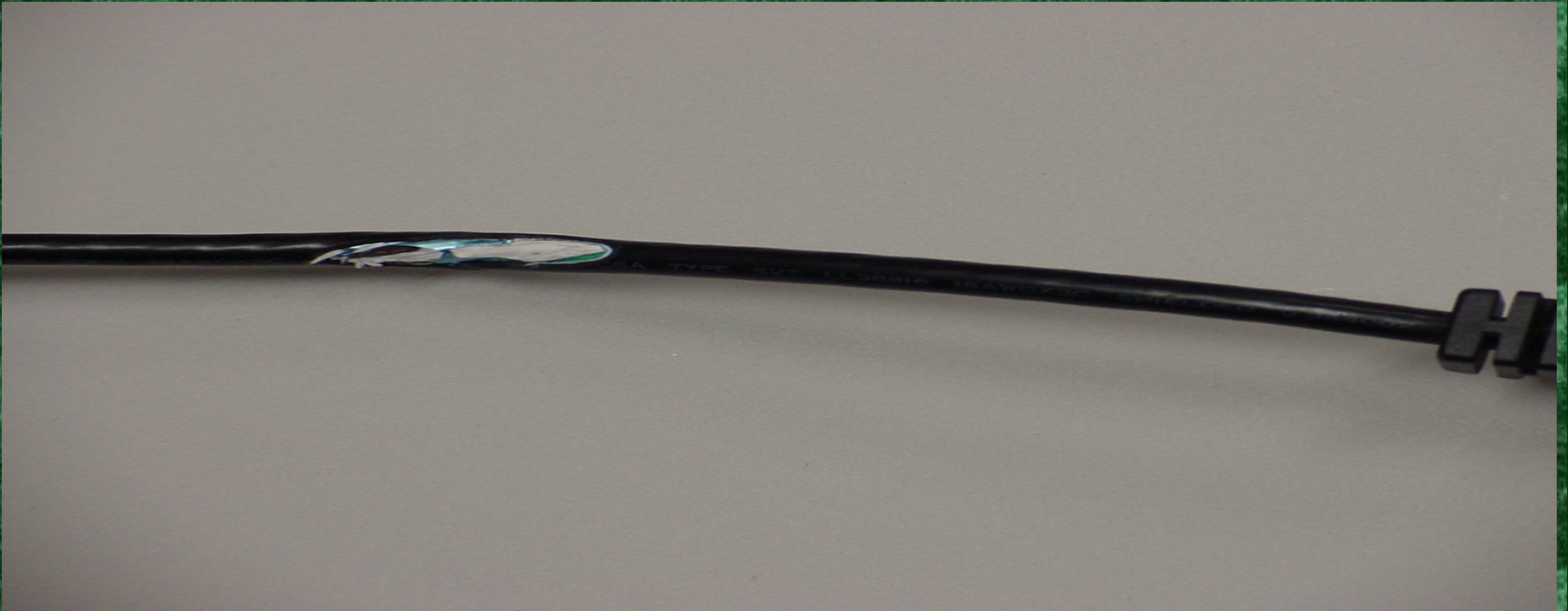
- **Be Aware of your cord at all times**

(Most people cut their cord once or twice a season).

Electric mowers create a different type of burn hazard.

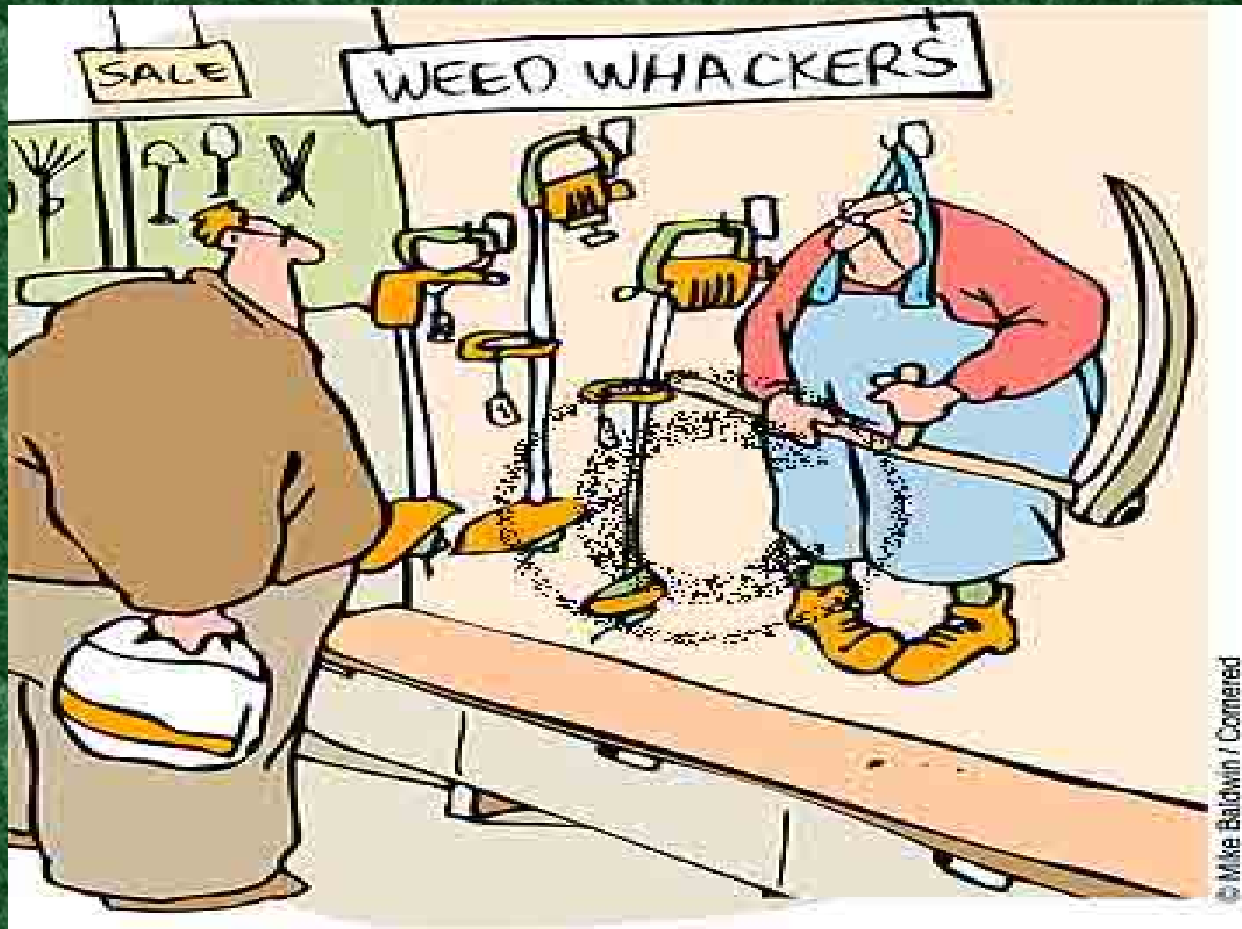
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- Frayed insulation, a metal mower, and damp grass can cause severe electrical burns or lethal shocks.



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Hedge Trimmers/Weed Wackers/Lawn Edger's:



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- **Wear safety eye protection. It's also a good idea to wear long pants when doing lawn work to protect from abrasions.**



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- **Never use electric-hedge trimmers over your head. If trimmers become lodged on something, disconnect power source before, attempting to dislodge it.**



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- When using a weed trimmer, disconnect power before working on a stuck line.

Always wear goggles!!

- They are notorious for throwing stones!



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In Season Now



Out of Season



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Blowers are relatively safe devices, but don't direct the nozzle at anyone because of the risk of eye injury.

For victims of respiratory problems, wearing a mask will cut down on the amount of dust that finds its way into lungs.

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Actually, the biggest threat posed by blowers is ear damage, because of their noise level.

For that reason, wear ear protection; Plugs or Mickey Mouse ears.



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Hand Held



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Don't forget to drink plenty of fluids while working in your lawn to prevent dehydration.

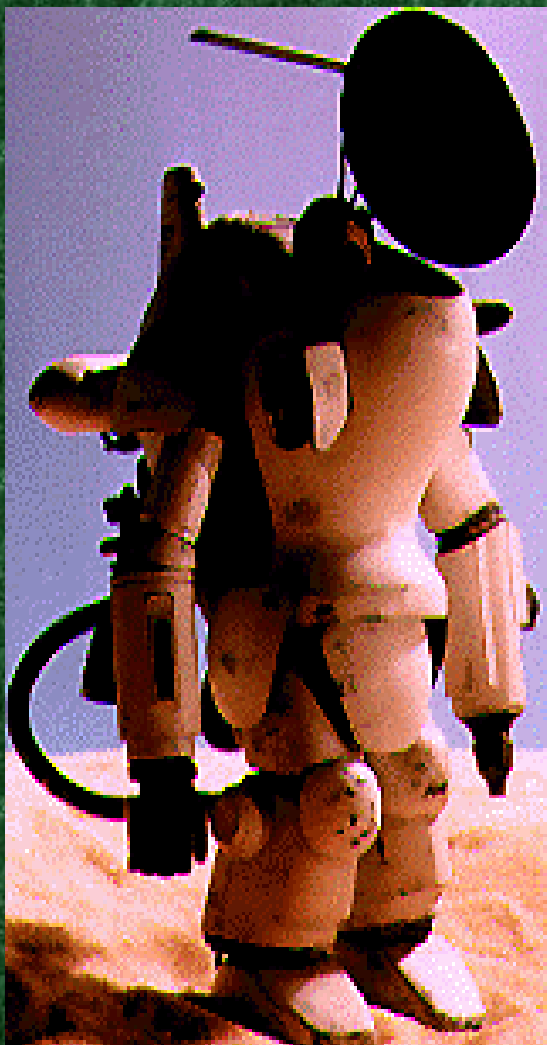


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